

**Connecticut Junior Soccer Association
Board of Directors' Meeting
December 12, 2011**

The following were in attendance:

Al Bell, Dick Cavanaugh, Michael Dahlem, Ken Essex, Joe Filippetti, Michael Galbicsek, Maggie Girard, Marc Glass, Brian Grindrod, Brett Jones, Milan Keser, Tom Mattera, Chafik Rebai, John Riley, Tom Skarbek, Shaun Bailey, Sue Schultz, Gerry Koppe, and Kathy Zolad.

The following were absent:

Arnaud Bourgeois, Dave Brouillette, Joe Conte, Andrea Duffy, Robbie Rickert, Michelle Ward, and Joe Zizik.

Minutes:

The minutes from November 14, 2011 were approved with two clerical corrections. Michelle Ward needed to be listed as not present in attendance and David Vaudreuil's name was misspelled.

Kathy stated that she had just learned that Andrea's husband, Paul Duffy, was in the hospital in Neuro - ICU. Kathy asked the BOD to please keep Andrea and her family in their thoughts. Kathy informed the BOD that Robbie Rickert was recovering from her recent knee surgery.

Monthly Financial Statement:

No questions regarding the statement.

Tournaments:

Tom Skarbek stated that the tournaments approved were all returning tournaments.

Director of Coaching:

Shaun had no new report this meeting.

State Administrator:

Sue Schultz reported that registration bills for the fall will be going out.

Candidate Statements:

Marc Glass read his candidate statement for First Vice President. David Vauldreuil and Robbie Rickert were not present. David's statement was handed out at the meeting. All the candidate's statements will be posted on the CJSA website.

Unfinished Business - New Club Procedure:

Several Vice Presidents stated that they discussed our New Club Procedures with their respective districts. No specific changes were proposed. Next, a discussion regarding how votes at the AGM should be collected and recorded took place. Kathy will explore possible options. It was agreed that staff will not be responsible for collecting or recording the results.

Cup:

Dick Cavanaugh reported on the Cup Committee's wrap up meeting. Discussed were - 1) On the draw sheet –(when over 64 teams) we will clarify the start date of the cup, 2) Rosters need to be entered into the CJSA Registration site not the GOT Soccer site, 3) Once a team has been declared the Home Team, they be charged with a home game regardless of where or when the game is played, 4) The Hosting Team pays the ref fees, 5) Premier players – the committee had no answer regarding the three premier player rule. The committee requested that the BOD provide a better definition.

Tom Mattera questioned the Cup Protest Committee's decision to return a protest fee. Kathy stated that the protest committee didn't have the authority to do so but due to the extenuating circumstances, it was allowed. The Cup Protest Committee will be made aware of its authority and that it can't supersede CJSA policies.

Kathy lead a lively discussion regarding the history and level of play for the CT Cup. If a team meets the residency rule and isn't playing in a premier league, should it be allowed to compete? Whatever we adopt, we need to make it something that is clear, precise and something that can be enforced. Shaun felt players should play at the highest level they can play, and not just come down to win a trophy in another level.

Motion was made by Tom Mattera and seconded by Chafik Rebai to remove the three premier player restrictions and go back to our previous policy for CT Cup eligibility. VOTE: Yes: 13, No: 0, Abstain: 1. Motion Carried.

Kathy stated that the Competition Committee is actively reviewing our competitions, including cup. One possible addition could be a third cup competition.

Proposed Rule Changes:

The Motion was made by Tom Skarbek, seconded by Joe Filippetti to package the Proposed Rule Changes into one item. The vote was unanimous to combine the proposals. The BOD then addressed the proposed changes - All are housekeeping changes related to CJSA's current online registration policies. VOTE: Approve: 15, Against: 0, Abstain: 1.

President's Remarks:

Kathy quoted Carlos Santana – “ The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace.”

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Marc Glass, seconded by Tom Skarbek at 9:00 PM.

Our next meeting will be at the Farmington Marriott on Saturday, January 29, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Koppe, CJSA Staff